

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING,

In answer to a resolution of the 11th instant, a report relative to naval officers' claims for sea pay, in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court.

FEBRUARY 15, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
February 15, 1893.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 11th instant, calling for certain information relative to naval officers' claims for sea pay in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the United States *vs.* Strong, I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Fourth Auditor upon the subject of the 14th instant.

Respectfully, yours,

CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE FOURTH AUDITOR,
Washington, D. C., February 14, 1893.

SIR: I have the honor to return herewith a copy of the resolution of the United States Senate of the 11th instant in regard to claims certified to Congress in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Strong, referred to this office for report, and have to state:

(1) The total sum of \$389,071.90, exclusive of payments from current appropriations, has been reported to Congress for sea pay under the above decision.

(2) Of the above-given sum \$136,818.62 has been paid.

(3) Of the sum paid, \$40,230.25 was paid without regard to the date when the services were rendered.

(4) Of the sums appropriated, as shown above, about \$96,000 remains unexpended because of the provisos prohibiting payment for services rendered more than six years prior to the filing of the petition in the Strong case.

(5) Officers on receiving-ships are now, and have been since said decision was rendered, receiving sea pay, the accounting officers of the Treasury having construed that, under the decision, sea pay is allowable since July 16, 1862.

Very respectfully,

JOHN R. LYNCH,
Auditor.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

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